

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-37 are pending in the present application; Claims 38-40 have been canceled by the present amendment; and Claims 1, 4, 7, 10-13, 15, 17, 20, 23-26, 28, 31, and 34, are amended. Support for the amendments is found at least in the originally filed specification in Figure 1. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for reciting "holding circuit" instead of "latch circuit." In light of this rejection, Claims 1-37 have been amended to recite "latch circuit" and Claims 38-40 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 1-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is believed to have been overcome. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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